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## United Church

The Church School, 2:00 p.m.  
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.  
Weather permitting, services will be held at:  
Wainst, at 11 a.m.  
Social Plains, 2:00 p.m.  
Leland Hall, 3:30 p.m.  
You are invited to come and worship God with us.  
Rev. Geo. A. Shields,  
Minister.

## The King's Illness

While the condition of King George is still critical; the people generally show much concern over his illness. However, late reports are encouraging. At this season of the year, any untoward happening to the monarch, would deal a staggering blow to Christmas trade in the British Isles and its effects would be felt throughout the Empire.

## "Diamond Handcuffs"

The romantic histories of famous diamonds, from the time of the fabled Glendens to the modern Hope diamond, with its trail of intrigue, tragedy and mystery, formed the strange research for one of the most remarkable screen plays of the year. "Diamond Handcuffs," Cosmopolitan's gripping new drama of love, diamonds and the underworld, coming Friday and Saturday to the Empire theatre.

The story centres about a great diamond, tracing its adventures from its discovery in the African mines through intrigue, theft and into the maze of the underworld, its sinister spell constantly wrecking human souls. Most of its detail is based on actual history.

The first famous diamond, the Glendens, found in India, was a world mystery. So nearly as can be ascertained, it was finally seen to three gems, one of which, the Orloff, being stolen from an Indian lord, and presented by a Russian prince to Catherine II. It is the center of many grim stories. Another piece formed the Koh-i-noor later presented to Queen Victoria.

The new picture shows a great diamond working destruction and havoc. A native steals it, sacrificing his life for a love of a woman. It precipitates a grim battle with machine guns between police and gangsters in an American city, and a domestic tragedy in society.

## Successful Bazaar And Tea

The Bazaar and Tea, held on Saturday, December 1, by the Ladies' Aid of the United Church was a marked success. The booth of fancy goods, novelties, etc., received good patronage. The Fish Pond was the means of the young ones and afforded a great deal of amusement.

Weather conditions were not of the best, but in spite of this handicap, the financial results and the general interest evinced in the event was most gratifying. The monetary results for bazaar and tea amounted to over \$15.00.

The ladies are exceedingly well pleased with the results of their efforts, and wish to thank all who by their help or patronage, or in any other manner, helped to contribute to the success of the occasion.

## Reward Wheat

### Exceeds Supply

Inquires for Reward wheat one of the new early maturing varieties which has been evaluated by the cereal division of the experimental farms in the last few years, are pouring into the capital and already are greater than can be fitted. Reports recently have been circulated that 25,000 bushels of Reward will be available this autumn for distribution. This is not true.

The cereal division will have 10,000 bushels and the 350 growers who were allowed to grow Reward will have a surplus of 4,000 bushels, making 12,000 all told.

## The Spirit of Neighbourliness

At this time, with the great festive season imminent, it is pleasing to be able to cast our thoughts outside of our own special circles and appreciate the goodwill and neighbourliness that exists in this community. During the past month we have had a share of unfortunate happenings. In every instance, friends and neighbors came forward to give immediate aid with offers of help and assistance and in every way tried to alleviate the misfortune that has happened. The milk of human kindness has poured forth unstintingly. It is good to be a neighbor in the true sense. Let this season be one of the most enjoyable you have known.

Tenant—I wish you would, speak to the people upstairs. This morning at 3 o'clock they caused quite a disturbance. Landlord—How did you hear them at that time of night? Tenant—I was peeping on my saxophone.

## Personal Christmas Cards

We have a very fine selection of Personal and Autograph Cards. It will pay you to look them over at the

Local Printing Shop at the  
Empress Express

Collection of Taxes  
R. M. MANTARIO No. 262

For the convenience of Taxpayers, the Secretary-Treasurer will attend with the Roll at Empress, Alta., on Saturday, the 15th of December, and at Altnak, Sask., on Saturday, the 29th of December, 1928.  
C. EVANS SARGENT,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Carlers Are Getting Busy

Work of refitting the rink in preparation for the season's curling activities has begun. In a short while the mingled joyful and disappointed voices of the opposing skips will be heard as the conditions of the game favor them or not.

## Testing New Wheat

Canadian farmers are taking a keen interest in the "local variety test" being conducted with wheat under the supervision of the department of agriculture. The ultimate object is to find out as far as possible the varieties of wheat best suited to the different types of soil and different localities in the prairie provinces.

## Legislature To Meet

On January 24th

The Alberta Legislature will be called to meet for the forthcoming session on January 24, 1929, it is announced by Premier Brownlee. Opening of the House at this date is subject to any unforeseen developments in connection with the sale of the government railroads and other questions which will be included in the program of legislation for the session.

There was a bar formed by local citizens on Friday afternoon for the purpose of fixing up the rink.

Mr. Turner, of Calgary, is managing the local branch of the Bank of Commerce, while Mr. Milne is absent on his holidays.

Alex. McDermid made a trip to Hilda, Alta., this week.

## Mortgage Sale of Valuable (Farm) Property

Under and virtue of the Powers of Sale provided by the Land Titles Act, under a certain mortgage which will be produced at the time of the sale, there will be offered for sale by public auction at the Empress Hotel in the Village of Empress, in the Province of Alberta, on Saturday, the 22nd day of December, 1928, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the following property, namely: The south half of section twenty (20) in township twenty-four (24) range two (2) west of the 4th meridian in the Province of Alberta, excepting all mines and minerals and excepting therefrom the same excepting therefrom and therefrom the same southerly twenty rods in depth of the south-west quarter of the said section containing twenty acres more or less.

Terms of the sale to be 20 per cent, cash at the time of the sale, and the balance according to the terms and conditions to be made known at the time of sale or upon application to the vendor's solicitors.

The above property will be offered for sale subject to a small reserve bid and free from all encumbrances, save a crop share lease expiring the 31st day of September 1929, but containing no interest in any lot of land following and let day of March following, and taxes for the current year.

The vendor is informed that the above property is situated about eight miles from Assiniboia Valley, and that improvements consist of frame house 12x16; frame stable 28x40; frame hen house 10x10 and frame garage 8x15, about three miles of three-wire fence, and a well.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to BROWNLEE, PORTER & RANKINE, 410 Lougheed Building, Calgary, Alberta.

Deputy of Calgary this 26th day of September, A. D. 1928.  
BROWNLEE, PORTER & RANKINE,  
Vendor's Solicitors.

## For Sale

Brown Turkey Toms from H.O.M. size some weighing 20 lbs., 7.50 ap; also choice Buff Orpington Roosters.—Mrs. H. G. Moore, Social Plains.

## BABY CHICKS

Canada's Best-to-Lay, White Leghorns, Barred Rocks, Buff Orpingtons, White Rocks, Anconas, Minorcas, Orpingtons, Etc., etc., etc., and inspected Flocks. Big Discount for Orders received by January 1st. Write for Free Catalogue. Alex. Taylor's Hatchery, 362 Furby St., Winnipeg, Man.

## Murders Girl And Mother

Regina, Dec. 3.—Driven to madness by his love for a woman who had spurned his affections, William Laque, 35 year old well-digger, of Anand, Sask., reaped a bloody revenge. Holding a stick of dynamite in one hand, he touched a lighted cigarette to it, and blew to pieces himself, his former landlady, Mrs. Goldie Berger and Beatrice Berger, her pretty 20 year old daughter.

Mrs. E. Lillie, mother of Mrs. Berger, had left for Empress the night previous. She is attending a sick relative in the hospital here. Both of the murdered women were visitors in town recently.

For best selections of Personal Greeting Cards, see samples at Empress Express.

## Goes North

Garman W. Dawdy, suite 1, Georgian Court, who has been well-known in Calgary for a number of years, left on Monday for Edmonton, where he will be in charge of the optical department of the Hudson's Bay Company store. Mr. Dawdy was in the optical department of Hirk's store here for three years. He was a graduate of the University of Alberta.—Herald, Calgary.

First in the list of Canadian Farm papers is the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Montreal. It's only \$1 a year or three years for \$3. It is attracting world-wide attention.

## Do Not Delay Your Christmas Shopping

Only Two Short Weeks Remain

We have received a Large Shipment of Choice Goods, suitable for Christmas Gifts, which include:

Beautiful Creations of the Pottery Art in Fancy China Tea Sets, Bon-Bon Dishes, etc. in Royal Albert, Crown Derby, Moritake also select English makes. They will afford you pleasure as gifts of beauty and endurance.

A neat line of Fancy Leather Goods in Ladies' and Gent's Purse and Cigarette Cases, Handkerchief Cases, Tie Cases, Bridge Sets, Match Cases, etc.

A nice assortment of Silverware and Vanity Cases.

Remember our Catalogs are Open for your inspection.

## See our Suggestion Gift Counters

We have on Display a number of Selective Lines including:

Fancy Ties, Sox, Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Belts, Shirts, etc.

You will find here, splendid Gifts, especially suitable for men and boys. We appreciate your inspection and patronage. Shop Early.

Mr. Green Semi-ready Fitter at our Store on Saturday

F. G. Sandercock

You can get the choicest gifts at Sandy's

## EMPRESS THEATRE

A Special at Usual Prices

## "Diamond Handcuffs"

with

Eleanor Boardman, Conrad Nagel and Lawrence Gray

Are girls of today willing to barter love and happiness for diamonds—symbols of wealth? See this drama sensation!

Usual Prices

**STOP!** DANGER ahead Winter is just round the corner. Be prepared—Fill up today with—

## Frost-Cop Anti-Freeze

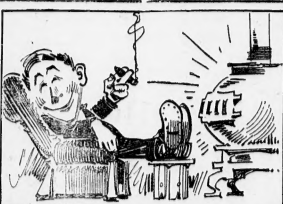
**GO!** Your worries are over for the whole winter because Frost-Cop gives sure protection to 40° below zero, won't evaporate or boil as easily as water.

## N. D. Storey

## 2 Weeks Only

To Christmas. Take advantage of our excellent stock and make early choice. The better selections can now be made.

EMPRESS DRUG CO.



## What Do I Care About 40 Below

when I've got four tons of the hottest heating Coal that ever came out of the earth.

This Coal is some! I got from the Empress Lumber Yards, and it's proved the best heating coal I ever saw. They told me when I bought it it would make me feel a bit warm around the edges, and it sure does.

If you want some of this superior coal, lots of it left at no higher prices than you pay for "the other kind"

## The Empress Lumber Yards

J. N. ANDERSON, prop.



## Peasant Government Is Now In Control Of Destinies Of Rumania

Bucharest, Rumania.—After 50 years of almost uninterrupted rule by powerful capitalists and landowners, greater Rumania, with its agrarian population of 16,000,000, passed recently into the hands of a peasant government led by Julius Maniu.

"It is a triumph of constitutionalism over despotism," declared Maniu enthusiastically as he sounded down the palace steps after the regime had given him the mandate. "In the future our country will be governed by a parliament elected honestly by the people and not by a professional political clique."

Huge crowds gathered outside the palace and the modest home of Maniu and gave the new premier a tremendous ovation.

The designation by the regency of Maniu to form a cabinet after Nicholas Titulescu had failed caused profound gloom among the Liberals, who throughout the day had been in blissful expectation of being summoned by the regency as the only party capable of solving the crisis which had endured for a week.

Secretly any member of the new "people's ministry" has had experience in national public office, so the rural government's accession to power presents a rare example in modern democracy and political science.

When the regency entrusted Maniu with the mandate the Transylvanian premier acted with characteristic promptness. Drawing a type-written list from his pocket, he said, "Here is my cabinet. I am ready to assume the government immediately."

The cabinet will be as follows: Premier, Julius Maniu; foreign minister, Valdo Vovod; interior, Alexander Popovitch; agriculture, M. Mihailich; justice, M. Junian; labor, M. Joannescu; education, M. Bocu.

More than 700 students are enrolled in the four provincial farm schools in Alberta.

## Western Farmers May Decide To Enter The Milling Business

Saskatoon, Sask.—"I think the present grading system is plain, unvarnished robbery," was the answer of George H. Williams, vice-president of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan section, when asked for his opinion regarding the grading problem.

In the course of the interview Mr. Williams foresaw the day when the farmers, co-operatively, could mill their own wheat and thus gain complete control of their own wheat.

"The grades now current in the country to the farmer are to my mind a fitting climax to that short-sighted campaign which was carried on by certain newspapers during the summer months, enlarging upon our crop prospects and sending out crop reports seemingly limited only by imagination, which undoubtedly went a long way toward producing a bearish market," Mr. Williams said.

"The present low grades are just putting a finishing touch to it," he continued, "they are taking out of Western Canada millions of dollars which rightfully should remain with the people of Western Canada."

"Do you think the elimination of mixing at the private terminals will solve the problem?" Mr. Williams was asked.

"That brings us to the question of the commission which has just been appointed," was the answer. "It is a pleasure to notice that both our federal and provincial governments are deeply concerned as to the grade of wheat that the farmer is getting under the present mixing system; and to note also that the Saskatchewan government has appointed a commission to investigate the marketing of wheat, the personnel of which ought to satisfy the farmers of Saskatchewan."

"You have asked me, do I think the elimination of mixing will cure all the grading problems. Very frankly I do not, and I hardly think anyone expects it to. It will, however, remove one of the outstanding evils of the grading system. But to find a cure we must go considerably further."

"Taking the name of the newly appointed commission as an indication

### Navigation Through Hudson Straits Closed

Dispatch From Port Churchill Indicates Harbor Is Frozen Over

Ottawa.—Navigation through the Hudson Straits is closed for the winter, it was learned at the Department of Marine by wireless dispatch from Port Churchill, which indicates that the harbor is frozen over and there is ice as far as the eye can reach. As a result the ice breaker Montcalm has been ordered to return to Quebec City from Port Burwell.

For several months the Montcalm has been carrying on ice observations in the North and is the last ship to leave Hudson's Bay.

There is no ice in the straits themselves, it was stated. With the closing of the harbor at Churchill, however, the work of the Montcalm is completed.

Several men are remaining at the various radio stations throughout the straits and will continue sending reports on ice and fog conditions.

Manitoba Wheat Pool Meeting  
Brandon, Man.—Three hundred delegates together with a large number of visitors attended the fifth annual meeting of the Manitoba Wheat Pool held here under the chairmanship of Colin H. Burnell, president of the Pool. The directors' report was favorable though it was pointed out that the harvest of the year was poor both in grades and quantity obtained, particularly in the oats.

Many Labor Candidates  
London, Eng.—Right Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor party, has announced that the party had decided to fight every seat where it had local party organizations prepared to run a candidate at the forthcoming general elections. He estimated that the party would have 600 candidates in the field.

### Make Arrangements For Important Conference

Agricultural Leaders and Canadian Chamber of Commerce To Meet in Toronto

Montreal.—The conference which agricultural leaders with the Canadian Chamber of Commerce is arranging for November 27, in Toronto, promises to be an event of economic significance and a forward move in the effort which the chamber is making toward the co-ordination of agriculture and the department of agriculture of Canada, said Dr. John W. Ross, chairman of the board of the Canadian Chamber, here.

The invitations which have been issued to each of the heads of the provincial departments of agriculture and to the department of agriculture of Ottawa to participate in the round-table conference have been accepted, said Dr. Ross.

Although not yet specified or paper were to be prepared, the agenda would include a frank and friendly discussion of the conference, other subjects as the service which could be rendered the agriculturist through showing him the value of reducing production costs, more efficient farm management, better marketing methods, wider markets and information, and a setting-up of a national agricultural committee of the chamber to advance agriculture in a business-like way.

### Russia Needs Wheat

Will Soon Be Placing Orders With Canada Is Report

London, Eng.—A possibility of further orders for the Canadian Wheat Pool from the Union of Soviet Republics has been reported by The Morning Post, which says this is the impression of grain brokers on the Baltic Exchange.

According to the newspaper, information sent by brokers in Britain from travellers and sea captains leads them to believe that the situation in Russia is far worse than generally reported and that the Soviet will resume buying wheat from abroad as speedily as possible before ports become frozen.

In this connection it is recalled that Russia bought 200,000 tons of wheat early this year, following which order came a halt. The object of this buying is now attributed to a desire to force the hands of the rich peasants, who were withholding stocks. In the present case, however, a serious shortage is believed. "How far the country in Britain of these brokers are justified, it is impossible to tell, so far there has been no definite indication that Russia is going to resume buying. Nevertheless, The Morning Post is apparently convinced.

### Air Mail Service Profitable

Montreal.—Justification for airmail passenger service between Montreal and New York via Albany, is found in the statement for October which shows a net profit of \$3,000. During the month 35 passengers, 10,887 letters and 1,000 parcels were shipped, were carried, and a total of 21,877 miles flown. The gross receipts approximated \$17,000.

### Abandon Irish Channel Swim

Donaghadee, Ireland.—Mr. Mercedes Gietz, London swimmer, failed in her attempt to swim the Irish Channel on account of the rough sea. When forced to abandon her attempt she had covered 10 of the 22 miles in three and one half hours.

### PLENTY OF ROOM IN CANADA

For the wives and families back in the homeland it is often a story of patient waiting while the husbands and fathers win a new start in the Canadian west. But the reunion is happy and the future bright when they are once more joined in the new home. Here is a group comprising two families of Swedish colonists, Mrs. Eriksson with her family of ten children and Mrs. Gustafson with her family of five, who have just arrived by the Canadian National Railway's Colonization Department and the Swedish-American line, to their husbands at Juniper, Alberta, one of whom settled here in 1925 and the other last summer. The statement is made that many more Swedish families of this type are expected to follow.

### FAVORS NORTHERN AERIAL ROUTE



Vilbjørn Stefansson, the explorer, now touring Canada, who predicts that Canada will be the crossroads of air between Europe and the United States. He says that if transatlantic fliers desire to avoid vexatious and the shortest course between Toronto and the United States, they must fly across Canada. This, he said, would be flying over Arctic ice and he declared that the northern route was much to be preferred.

### Pleased With Canadian Trip

Sir Austen Chamberlain Regrets Shortness Of Stay

Toronto.—Much improved in health, Right Hon. Sir Austen Chamberlain, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, arrived here, accompanied by Lady Chamberlain and his two children, Diane and Lawrence. While the visit was of a private nature, the distinguished statesman was honored at several functions. At the University of Toronto, honours degrees were conferred on Sir Austen and Paul Chaud, French ambassador to the United States.

The British statesman declared that his health was greatly improved. He was thoroughly enjoying his trip across the Dominion, his only regret being that his stay was so short. He was particularly pleased with the manner in which his wishes regarding interviews had been respected by representatives of the press.

### Prevention Of Tuberculosis

Changes Are Foreshadowed In Methods Used To Curb Disease

Toronto.—Various changes of sweeping character in the methods employed to curb tuberculosis throughout Canada are foreshadowed as a result of the study of European methods made by 32 Canadian doctors, including Dr. J. H. Elliott and Dr. Doble of Toronto.

One of the possibly outstanding changes will be the development of a Dominion department to have control of tuberculosis prevention work throughout the Dominion, and another equally important innovation probably will be legislation providing for substantial grants for the carrying on of the work.

### Losses Valuable Horses

Toronto.—Three champion hunters and five young horses which were about to be trained for the saddle, were suffocated when a fire broke out in a stable here. Five of the horses belonged to D. McGregor, well-known Toronto horseman. The champions were Fairplay, Aristocrat, and Skipper. The animals were valued at approximately \$10,000.

## Mount Etna Eruption Worst Of Its Kind In Modern History

### Find Oil Shale In North

New Discoveries Are Reported Near Hudson's Bay Junction

The Pas.—Mining men in The Pas district are much interested in reports from Hudson's Bay Junction, Sask., indicating new finds of oil shale 25 miles southeast of that village.

The discoveries have been made in the old Porcupine Hills forest reserve and are close to the Manitoba boundary. Geologists representing a Toronto engineering company have been on the field for some weeks.

Oil shale found in the new area are reported to have a greater potential value than the discoveries made in recent years in The Pas hills north of the junction. Tests made of the shale of The Pas have been interesting, but no effort has been made to produce oil in that area.

### Becoming Serious Problem

Speech From Throne Indicates Unemployment On Increase In Britain

London.—The reference in the speech from the throne at the opening of parliament to heavy unemployment necessitated by unemployment has drawn attention to the increasing seriousness of the problem. An increase of 31,000 in the unemployment figures was reported, the total now being 375,000.

The unemployment assurance fund, which is only solvent when unemployed approximate one million, is at present suffering from a deficit of nearly \$150,000,000. In this connection a new bill introduced in the House of Commons authorizes borrowing of not more than \$200,000,000.

### Labor Meets Reverses

Party Failed To Gain Much Success In Scottish Municipal Elections

Edinburgh.—Labor after widespread victories in the English municipal elections staged a keen fight in the Scottish municipal elections, but failed to gain much success. In Glasgow, Labor made a net gain of one seat. Elections in Edinburgh, Aberdeen, Dundee and Greenock resulted in three seats by the moderates, who have majorities in a large number of places.

The moderates also captured four seats, two each from Labor and Communists—at Lochelly in the heart of the Fife coal fields.

### Storm Sweeps Alaska City

Thirty Thousand Dollars Property Damage Reported At Cordova

Cordova, Alaska.—Property damage estimated at \$30,000 was sustained following the worst storm in the history of the city. The greater part of the damage was to the new school building. The roof was blown off, and torrential rains poured into the unprotected building, ruining every room. Flying wreckage from the building broke hundreds of windows.

The wind tore telephone poles from the ground and took the front of a hotel building.

## British Parliament Is Formally Opened With Colorful Ceremony

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Catania, Sicily.—Mount Etna spouting forth the worst kind of destruction in its modern history continued to visit its fiery wrath on hamlets clustered along the base of its slopes.

The last three standing structures in the village of Mascali toppled and fell before the rush of molten rock which poured down from the volcano and obliterated the town.

Panic-stricken inhabitants of Pianofreddo fled their homes, although they were in no immediate danger.

The main stream of molten rock increased the speed of its descent as the main eruptive mouth opened a large fissure which resembled an incandescent ravine.

The mouth shot forth fire and destruction along its steep sides and then subsided as lava halted temporarily on the outskirts of Pianofreddo.

Experts said that certain aspects of the eruption were comparable to the one which destroyed Catania in 1619. Measures were adopted to continue electrical lighting and power along temporary transmission lines along the present aerial high voltage lines to this city by interruption.

Another flow of lava menaced the village of Naxos. It was halted on the outskirts of the town, but if it continued its advance as was expected, the fire of melted rock would threaten Naxos, which also the hamlet of Carraha, which already has been evacuated.

The lava stream which rushed toward Naxos had advanced more than twenty miles over a front 200 yards wide. It was less than four miles from the sea.

Another river of lava has entered the sea north of Liputo, sending up great clouds of steam and causing much destruction.

With a molten stream of lava like a hungry dragon at their backs to spur them on, hundreds of persons are fleeing from the region around the Eastern base of Mount Etna.

Their household belongings were thrown on any makeshift vehicle to get out of the lava. The lava stream of fire, barbed arrows straggled along with the people, who were abandoning their fields and homes to destruction. The lava advanced at a rate of more than 100 yards an hour.

The most fertile and intensively cultivated land in Sicily was being consumed by the lava. Houses were being destroyed and trees burned.

Catania, Sicily—A stream of molten lava pouring from Mount Etna was sweeping through the town of Mascali and the fertile countryside. Much destruction was being caused.

The lava struck the town of 10,000 inhabitants just after the townfolk had finished celebrating the fête of their patron saint, Mount Etna. Some state was carried on the shoulders of four old men.

Moving forward, crushing houses, vineyards and peach farms, the main lava stream had joined with several others from the crater and was nearly 14 feet thick and more than a mile wide. Houses crumbled under the intense heat before the lava reached them and trees were withered and destroyed while the stream was still one hundred yards away.

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In the course of his speech, Mr. MacDonald mentioned the movement of miners to the Canadian harvest fields last August, saying he hoped the government would indicate more forethought than this one, whose workings he had personally seen in Canada.

"You don't say that when you were over there," a Conservative member remarked.



# A Chunk Of Coal And What Science Will Do With It In The Not Distant Future

(From the Edinburgh Dispatch)  
To most of us coal is not an exhilarating subject. We grumble when we have to make up the fire with our own fair hands, we grumble when the kettle is empty, and we grumble at the fabulous amount of shoddy we have to disburse for a few bags of chunky black stuff dumped on the coal-cellar door. Most of all we grumble when the coalman does not call and the country is in the wretched throes of a coal dispute.

To us a chunk of coal is simply a chunk of coal, and we cannot imagine why 45 nations should confer upon it, or why they should wish to discuss its past, dissect its present and map out its future. Nevertheless, more than 1,500 good men and skillful of the World Power Conference have gathered together in London for that very purpose. Obviously we must pay more respect to this chunk of coal in future, and our children will have to treat it with far more deference than we have been wont to do, that is, if they ever have the chance of seeing and using real and actual coal in days to come.

For these good, shrewd fuel scientists are going to do all manner of things with coal that it never occurred to us to do. For one thing, they are going to carburettor it, which sounds dreadful; and for another, they are going to pulverize it, which sounds far worse. The one thing they are not going to do is to burn that poor chunk of coal in an open grate or under a boiler fire in the way we and our fathers and grandfathers have been doing.

They are going to make us pay more respect to coal, and yet they are going to give it the thinnest time it ever had, or any other misera either. They are going to subject it to that last indignity of all, the indignity of re-education.

No longer will it be sold by the bag or the truck, but according to its calorific value or, in other words, its heat and energy content. Moreover, they are going to see that it is thoroughly washed and cleaned. No longer will we have to regard pieces of comminuted state as shoddy, as the natural contents of the coal-scuttle.

We have kept the worst till the last.

Chemists and engineers between them are going to invent machines and processes which will squish that chunk of coal with such terrific pressure, and will warm it and warm it to such terrific temperatures, that from sheer lack of stamina it will collapse, liquefy, and turn to oil, motor spirit, and so on. They call by the kindly name of "hydrogenation."

Afterglow coal is in for a very bad time, but that will worry you and me a great deal, simply because we will not have much to do with coal in the future. We will use more gas and more electricity—at reduced prices, we hope—and also we will use a smokeless fuel provided by the aforementioned carbonization. In this way we will have not only a bright hearth, but bright skies as well—there no longer being any smoke to belch out of the chimney.

It must not be imagined that all this is mere boasting and vainglory on the part of these fuel scientists. For instance, in Newcastle, an electricity company is able to supply current at one-fifth of a unit, which is the cheapest record in any country in the world, including Sweden and Switzerland, where they make electricity in question they make electricity.

The company in question achieves this by the low-temperature carbonization of coal, and by using the resultant solid fuel under the boiler in a super-power station to generate electricity. The value of the by-products obtained by the carbonization is

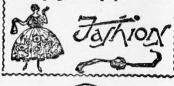
so great that it practically pays for the original coal, and that is how they are able to supply the current at next to nothing.

That is just one of the things that the scientists can do with a chunk of coal, but it helps to show why in the future it is going to be regarded as something in the nature of a national crime for you and me, who run households, and for those who run works and factories, to buy coal haphazard and simply burn it in the grate or in a furnace.

In fact, the more we go into the scientific possibilities of that very ordinary chunk of coal the more we are inspired it becomes, to say nothing of the brains of the scientists who are busied with those possibilities. Already they extract from the coal-casualty gas and electricity for lighting, heating, and power and transport, fertilizers for the fields, thousands of tons and compounds, antiseptics, anaesthetics and drugs of all kinds.

The future will see us extracting petrol from coal, and beyond that there are still big possibilities at present undreamed of.

## Winnipeg Newspaper Union



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Enchantingly Lovely

The youthfulness of this enchantingly lovely model interpreted in transparent printed velvet, with femininity added by lace collar, and crusted girdle of soft faulle silk crepe will instantly appeal to the woman of fashion. The bodice with becoming V-neckline is slightly bloused and ruffled long-waisted to create a flut hip effect. The three-piece skirt is wrapped around with the right hand forming a drape. A slender graceful line for the woman inclined to be overweight. Style No. 307 is designed in sizes 16, 18, 20 years, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44 and 46 inches. The 36-inch size takes but 2 yards of 40 inch material with 1/2 yard of 27-inch all-over lace and a yard of 36-inch contrasting. Lustrous crepe satin, dull silk crepe, cotton crepe, plain sheer velvet, wool crepe and crepe forms are interesting combinations. Pattern price 25 cents, 1 stamp or coin (coin is preferred).

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"That's it. You guessed it the very first time."

## A LITTLE COUNTRY PAPER

By Clara McCreary

I get a little paper from a little country town—  
A far cry from the dailies, that on Sundays weigh us down;  
It's printed every Friday, and it has no supplement,  
Nor colored rotogravure, but I'm all ways glad it's sent.

It gives no clever verses by the syndicated bard,  
But states that Mrs. Williams entertained some friends at cards;

"Ye scribbles" says Judge McArthur shaking hands with friends today—  
It says the Curtis family sold out and moved away.

On Boulder Dana it's silent, and there's nothing on finance—  
It tells that the Robekas gave an installation dance.

That Miss Day is returning soon to open up her school,  
That Alexander Hargrave lost a valuable mule.

It's glad that Jimmy Gallagher can be around again,  
It claims that the alfalfa crop is much in need of rain;

The supervisors voted for the road work to commence;  
That Anderson hauled lumber for his new garage and fence.

The worldly ones may smile at it, but theirs are tender smiles—  
These home town items form a bond through many years and miles.

Oh, little country paper, with your little weekly tasks!  
I'll endeavor with you down remembered roads and walks.

## Phosphate Fertilizer

By-Product From Trail Smelter Proves Its Worth

The Provincial School of Agriculture at Charlton has just made public the result of an experiment in which the Canadian Pacific Railway, namely the use of a phosphate fertilizer, a by-product from the smelter at Trail, B.C. Tests were made on the farms of J. L. Salmon, the Pierce farm and at the college. The fields were planted exactly the same except that, in each case, one had the fertilizer and the other had not. The former showed a yield of 44 bushels to the acre, and the latter only 40 bushels. In other words, the extra eight bushels per acre were secured at a cost of 40 cents in fertilizer.

## Cause For Thankfulness

A minister who was making a sea voyage expressed strong disapproval of the language used by the sailors. "It's a very bad habit," agreed the captain, "but when there is real danger the lads stop swearing."

Presently the weather grew very stormy and a sailor came into the captain's cabin.

"It's terribly rough, isn't it?" said the minister. "Are the sailors swearing?"

"They are," replied the man. "Thank goodness!" breathed the parson.

## Australian Oranges

Australian oranges are featuring the shop windows of some points in the west for the first time, giving healthy competition to the fruit of the nearer citrus groves. Early signs suggest that the new fruit is here to stay—adding a fresh chapter to the story of inter-empire trade.

Greater London increases its population at the rate of 75,000 every year.

## IRVIN COBB VISITS WEST



Irvin S. Cobb says that "when a good duck hunter dies he goes to the Saskatchewan marshes. In these stubble fields and along these meandering sloughs the past comes back to him as a living thing. As we did not think could be found on the continent of North America." Mr. Cobb was a duck hunting guest of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Jensen, Sask. On his way back he stopped over at High River where he is seen being fitted into chaps on the Fraser Hunt ranch.

## NO DOLE FOR HIM

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## Flooring For Poultry Houses

Cement Floors Are Found To Be Unsatisfactory

Poultry houses on the Charlotteville, P.E.I. Experimental Station floor with cement gave trouble during winter and spring on account of remaining damp. In an effort to overcome this difficulty 15 feet by 25 feet was given a liberal coating of roofing paint with the idea that it would prevent moisture coming through the cement. This treatment, however, proved of little value, as the litter became damp and unfit for use almost as quickly as where no treatment had been given. In another section a floor of matched lumber was put in and raised two inches above the level of the cement. This treatment proved a success, according to the report of the experiment recorded in the 1927 report of the station, published by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa. In this report the superintendent points out that the section with the board flooring remained dry, requiring cleaning only about half as many times as the section of the same house with the cement flooring only.

## Promote British Settlement

Plan To Lend Financial Assistance In Settling Farmers

The Saskatchewan Government has agreed to co-operate with the Dominion Government in a Federal plan to promote British settlement in Canada by uniting British families, Hon. George Spence, Minister of Works, announced here following his conference with the Hon. Robert Forke, Federal Minister of Immigration. The plan provides that any British subject who arrived in Canada prior to June 6th last may secure assistance in bringing his wife and family out from the United Kingdom.

Mother: "Yes, he always up to mischief. I expect 'll soon be following in 'is father's fine print."

A man may play first violin in the orchestra, but he usually plays second fiddle at home.

# Largest Passenger Locomotives In The British Empire Are Being Built In Canada

Thirty-one Hundred and One is about to come out of the shops. In one small corner of a bustling city of steel and men, great slabs of asbestos are being bound by her nickel-steel sides. The great drivers and the leading and trailing trucks are standing on the track behind, waiting for the shack frames to lower her from the shops. In a little while her boiler and her fire-box will be full. Steam will be hissing and that little group of men in white collars who have been looking about for months, will stand contently by as the throttle is opened for the first time.

Thirty-one Hundred and One will be the second of the two largest passenger locomotives in the British Empire to be turned out of Angus within two months. Twenty-five hundred men, all of whom have made some contribution to her design or construction will stop and look up from their tools as she moves. It will be a great moment for them, as they take almost as much pride in her, each one of them, as did the office boys and stenographers who warmed the platform of Windsor station when Thirty-one Hundred made her first appearance.

The largest passenger locomotives in the British Empire! In speaking to the lay man, those gentlemen who are so busy as they are sure to draw attention to this feature. Size is impressive. One might gather too, when Canadian Pacific officers and employees speak with such warm and justifiable pride of them, that a war between the locomotive departments of the railways of the world had just been terminated by an overwhelming victory for the Canadian organization.

It is hardly the case. As a matter of fact, while the size is a consideration in locomotive design, it is by no means the primary consideration, and while the mechanical adaptation of all railways with considerable interest the developments of other lines, the problems of the different roads with respect to power requirements are so different as to leave no ground for comparisons of efficiency. The Thirty-one Hundred is the largest passenger locomotives in the British Empire, but to the designer of the operating departments of the road this is incidental. What is more important is the fact that they have succeeded in producing a locomotive capable of efficiently carrying out what is required of it under all conditions, at the same time keeping within the weight and other limitations placed upon it by road-bed gauge and other conditions. They have broken ground in several features, which have required the complete revision of their convictions, and theirs is the gratification of the pioneer successful.

While the design and construction of the Thirty-one Hundred was no one man's job, to one man fell the job of reducing the requirements to a final analysis, collecting the many details and forming one which would make the whole. "My job," he says, "was to be looked upon with satisfaction on the photograph on the wall. What he did, in collaboration, was from known practices and older theory, together with advanced and original theory and developments of science, evolve a mechanical giant.

C. H. Temple, whose final and crowning achievement after forty-four years of service with this mechanical giant, sat in his office on the tenth floor of Windsor Station. He was Chief of Motive Power and Rolling Stock. The Angus plant was five miles away. He visited the plant occasionally to see that various parts conformed to his ideas and he received daily detailed reports on the construction progress, but until the moment of the great thrill, when the turning of the great wheels for the first time proved that the completion of a hundred thousand was workable, his main vision, one which pierced the steel slab, was through blueprints and drawings, through gauges and tables which featured the thousandth part of an inch and discovered errors of this and that and were vitally interesting to him but not very comprehensive to you or me.

The design of a locomotive is not dictated by a desire to "go one better" in size. The design is dictated by existing traffic demands and on what it is anticipated will be the maximum requirements during the life of a locomotive. Placing that life at an average of twenty-five years it means that the design must be designed to last in advance of the needs of the day. This is the reason for the Thirty-one Hundreds.

For economy reasons, the changes

in freight power have been very gradual. The advance in passenger power, however, has been more rapid, and as the more general use of steel in passenger construction added thirty per cent. to the weight of passenger trucks during the past few years the motive power had to be almost revolutionized.

## Fattening Hogs

Buttermilk Found To Be Better Than Skim-Milk For Pigs

Buttermilk proved a better feed than skim-milk for fattening hogs at the Rothstein, Sask., Experimental Station. Groups of pure bred Yorkshire, Chester, Berkshire, and crosses from these breeds, were used. The lots receiving skim-milk and buttermilk ran on wheat pasture and received rations of 2 parts out-chop and 2 parts of shorts. The shorts were gradually replaced by ground barley and at the close of the finishing period the pigs were receiving three-quarters barley chop and one-quarter shorts. The experiment was conducted for 120 days with both lots.

The superintendent of the station reveals, in a recent address in which he reported of the station for last year, published by the Department of Agriculture, at Ottawa. It is shown that the buttermilk lot had gained an average daily gain per animal of .185 pounds more than the lot receiving skim-milk. The amount of meal required for a pound of gain was .43 pounds higher in the skim-milk lot, and it required 11.1 pounds more of skim-milk to make a pound of gain than it did buttermilk.

## Defective Eyesight Common

Majority Of Urban People Have Poor Vision Says Optometrist

As a result of the great strain on the eyes by the complexity of modern civilization, particularly in connection with urban life, it is estimated that seven out of every ten people in the large centres of population have defective eyesight. Jerry Britton, a consulting optometrist in Montreal, in a recent address in which he produced a moving picture illustrating this, said it was caused by the reaction of the daily demands of urban life upon the delicate organism of the eye. The effect was felt by young and old alike, he said. Human eyes are not adapted to the environment given by modern civilization, according to the speaker.

## Badger Farming

New Fur Industry May Be Started In Saskatchewan

A new industry—badger farming—may be started in Saskatchewan by John Rothenberger, farmer, of Vanguard. Last spring Mr. Rothenberger caught a badger and four pups. He built a large pen, about 15 feet long and 4 feet wide. During summer he fed the badgers until they are now quite tame, and are said to be larger than any badger running wild. Their coats are in excellent condition and offers of \$18 for each skin have been received.

Boy: "Fifth floor, please."

Elevator Man: "Here's your floor, son."

Boy: "How dare you call me son? You're not my father."

Elevator Man: "I know, but I brought you up, didn't I?"

Landlord: "They tell me there's a hypnotist in town who makes people eat cucumbers and drink paraffin."

Brutus Rooster: "What boarding house does he keep?"

"Don't you believe in owing your own home?"

"Is theory, but live with us at the relatives that lives with us."



He: "Who is that old lady?"

She: "Me, taken twenty years ago"—Mountain, Charleston.











## THE EMPRESS EXPRESS

Published in the interests of  
Business and District

E. S. Nelson Proprietor A. D. McKel

Thursday, Dec. 6, 1928

Clint Jacobson was a visitor to Calgary over the week end.

Geo. Dark returned home from North Battleford on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Usher were visitors to Calgary over the week end.

E. Red Hazel and Wm. McBride, of Winnipeg, Man., were visitors in town this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Miller, and daughter, Connie, left on Saturday morning on a holiday trip to Edmonton. It is expected that they will be away for four weeks.

Miss Mildred Jackson who has been visiting her parents at Estuary, returned to Calgary on Thursday morning.

Mr. Green, of the Semi-Ready Tailoring Co., Ltd., will be at E. G. Sandercock's Store, on Saturday, December 8. Now is the time to order that Suit or Overcoat for Christmas. Have your clothes fitted by an expert.

Two Family Herald and Weekly Star of Montreal is not only a money maker but a money saver to the farmers of Canada, while the farmer's family circle, in the accompanying magazine, gets what is admitted to be the best of all.

The local Grain Elevators will be closed from Friday, December 21st to January 2nd.

Mr. Miller, arrived on Monday night from the West, to take up a position as operator in the local depot, his wife and family are expected to arrive here shortly.

A. Hankin made a trip to Calgary on Thursday last, returning Monday. The weather was cold; there was a very light snowfall.

Mr. Arden has arrived home from Medicine Hat, where he had been employed for the past three or four months.

R. M. Mantario—continued

labor on road No. 44 on written authority of the foreman, George Stroud. This to apply only to non-ratepayers and non-residents who require same before leaving.

Dahl—That Cn. Batty's account for supervision of divisional roads be passed, \$5.00 and a cheque issued for payment of same.

Batty—That Cn. Dahl's account for supervision of gen-

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eral roads (road committee work) he paid \$8.40.

Walker—That a resolution submitted by the Child Welfare Association, requesting action by the Government in regard to feeble-minded and mentally defective persons be passed.

Walker—That nomination be held at the Orange Hall, Cuthbert, on Monday, the 3rd day of December, from One to Two p.m., to receive nominations for Reeves of the Municipality and Councillors for Divisions 1, 3 and 5.

Batty—That the Secretary be Returning Officer, and that the polling place and deputy-returning officers be:

Div. 1, Connell's Corner; P.O., Wm. Connell.

Div. 2, S. H. McWhinney's, SE 25, 23, 28 w 3, S. H. McWhinney.

Div. 3, H. G. Gavin Hamilton's, N.W. 3, 25, 28 w 3, Gavin Hamilton.

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senting. Council adjourned at 6 p.m. to meet again on Dec. 13, at Orange Hall, Cuthbert. The vote will be counted and the results of the election declared at the

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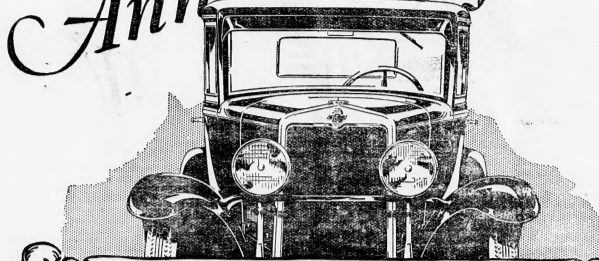
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